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"WE WILL CLING TO THE PILLARS OF THE TEMPLE OF OUR LIBERTIES, AND IF IT MUST FALL, WE WILL PERISH AMIDST THE RUINS."

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REVIVAL OF THE SLAVE TRADE—NO. XXIII.

"The war must be carried into Africa."

Within the last three months the Supreme Court of California has declared a severe penal statute against the importation of Chinese unconstitutional upon grounds of public policy, which may be considered as settling the question beyond a doubt of permanent slavery, Chinese or African, or both, in California. Indeed from the very day that California was admitted into the Union until now, her people have been as true to the South on the subject of slavery as the South has been true to herself. The California Legislature at its first Session adopted laws for the protection of the free slave which have been carried to the Golden State during its brief Territorial existence. The Courts there have always rigidly enforced the fugitive slave law. The State has never failed to vote with the South in Presidential elections by large majorities. Both Houses of the Legislature recently passed Resolutions almost unanimously requesting Senator Broderick to resign, on account of his affiliation with Douglas Democrats against the South. The Legislature at its last Session also passed a law to divide the State so as to elect all her Territorial South of the Missouri Compromise line of 36° 30' into a new State, for the express purpose that it might become a negro slave State, as it is the finest agricultural region in many respects on the Globe. An additional motive was to secure two more United States Senators to represent the interests of the Pacific, but the chief object was to conciliate the South, whence the strongest opposition has hitherto come to the Pacific Rail Road, which California has much to boast.

It remains only for Congress to approve the Act of the Legislature dividing the State and to revive the slave trade, so that cheap negroes may be had, to give the South all she has ever claimed on the Pacific—to give her the whole Pacific Coast. Oregon is likewise faithful to the South on the slave issue. Her people are largely Democratic of the States Rights, not the National School of Politics. Perhaps they formed their political principles partly from the precepts and example of California, which is more ultra in States Rights than even South Carolina. To the best of my information the California Courts are in view of the States Rights in the Union, which have asserted a reassertion in divers important cases Mr. Calhoun's doctrine of State jurisdiction in judicial matters. But another explanation of Oregon's sympathy with the South is the fact, that several thousand slaves are there and that they are treated as slaves either under apprenticeship laws, or by the appropriation of public opinion. When the vote was taken a few months ago on the adoption of her constitution, nearly a fourth of the ballots cast were in favor of negro slavery, even before the white laborers.

More than one Newspaper there now is friendly to the establishment of negro slavery. One of her Senators in Congress, Gen. Lane, is a Southerner by birth, a native of North Carolina, notoriously pro-slavery in his opinions and feelings, and he is the idol of the Oregon people. He is also a great favorite in Indiana and throughout the North West. In fact, he appears to be the choice of the whole pro-slavery party, North and South, for the next President, and he certainly has paramount claims upon the slave-trade interests in view of the cheering prospect of establishing Chinese if not African slavery in all the Pacific region of this country. Most of the Chinese now in Oregon (over 5,000 when the Constitution was adopted) went thither to work as domestics and as agricultural laborers, not to dig gold. Nearly all the surface gold diggings in California are exhausted and the 50,000 Chinese there rather than labor in the deep diggings have mostly gone to work as house and field servants and as laborers upon farms, or in gardens and orchards, or in manufacturing the lighter kind. These Chinese have also generally learned to speak English and the Californians are beginning to find the mental services of Joe Chinaman indispensable to their comfort. So that within a few years more according to all present indications Chinese slavery will have been established by Constitutional, or Statutory enactment on the Pacific slope.

The Chinese are also migrating to Washington Territory, as agricultural laborers, and although that is the most Northern of our Pacific Possessions, yet there too we find the white men growing daily more friendly to slavery. Many of the prominent public characters there are advocating introduction of Chinese slavery, as domestics and laborers. Let the Chinese once get there, no matter whether they go voluntarily or by compulsion, whether as apprentices, or as freemen, and in the end they must be slaves. The necessities of the country require it—the laws of God and man demand it. Even Gen. Harney now in command of the North Pacific division of the United States Army was bold enough recently to address a letter to the Governor of Washington Territory advising a compulsory system of Chinese labor there. This single fact should encourage the African slave traders to redouble their efforts.

The Pacific slope is larger than all our Atlantic slave States, as it contains an area of over 435,000 square miles, or nearly as much as all the States of the Union. If the slaves could only be got, it should be borne in mind that there are no *Deserts* in the United States West of the Rocky Mountains. They are all East of that great chain and North of the present slave States, occupying what is boasted called "Free Territory." Hence if the Pacific slope is well adapted to slavery, there is room in that quarter for as many freemen and colored slaves, Chinese or African, as there is in our present negro slave States according to the estimate before given, that slavery will pay until population reaches at least 100 to the square mile. It follows, that even if negro slavery should never be established in any of the North Western States—that even if we should never get any more Territory from Mexico, or Central America, yet we have ample space in the South and on the Pacific for 180,000,000 of souls bond or free.

I have shown that Chinese slavery does now practically exist on the Pacific. Let us examine some other facts as to its climate, soil and productions to prove its adaptability to slavery. It occupies the West Coast of our Continent and every intelligent man knows that a given point on the West Coast of all the Continents is as warm as another given point on their East Coast at least 10 degrees latitude and in some places 15 degrees. Therefore assuming a difference of only 10 degrees latitude as the isothermal line of our West and East Coasts, it is clear, that all the Pacific Territory which lies 10 degrees North of the point on the Atlantic lies 10 degrees South of the point on the Atlantic before given, that slavery will be well adapted. Now the 39th parallel of latitude runs a little South of Baltimore and leaves a large section of Maryland, Virginia and Missouri North of it. Hence, in theory, or rather in fact, as far as climate influences are concerned, the whole area of the United States West of the Rocky Mountains is well adapted to slavery, because the 49th parallel in the extreme Northern boundary of the Union on the Pacific.

Select Poetry.

True Nobility.

By CHAR. SWAIN.

What is nobility? To inherit Wealth, estate, and power? Or to be noble by the deed? Higher yet than these for me! Something greater far must enter Into life's majestic span; Fitted to create and centre True nobility in man!

What is nobility? 'Tis the finer Portion of our mind and heart, Linked to something still diviner Than mere language can impart; Ever prompting—ever seeing Some improvement yet to plan; To uplift our fellow-being, And, like man, to feel for man.

What is nobility? Is the subtle Nobility that the humble spade? There's a dignity in labor! Truer than e'er pomp arrayed! He who seeks the noble's improvement Aids the world, in aiding mind; Every great commanding movement Serves not one, but all mankind.

O'er the forge's heat and ashes, O'er the engine's iron breath, O'er the spindles' whirling darts, And the spindle whirling darts— There is labor's lowly tending Each requirement of the hour— There is genius still extending Science, and its world of power!

Mild the clank, and speed and clamor, Of the loom-shed and the mill; Milder the clank of wheel and hammer Great results are growing still! Though, too oft, by fashion's creatures, Work and workers may be blamed, Commerce need not hide its features, Industry is not ashamed.

What is nobility? That which places Truth in its enfranchised will; Leaving steps, like angel traces, That mankind may follow still; Even through sorrows' malignant glances Prove him poorest of his clan, He's the noble who advances Freedom, and the cause of man.

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The President on Composition.

The following interesting episode is related by the correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch, in his account of the first day's proceedings—The Sophomore exhibition—at the North Carolina University on the 1st inst:

During an interval in these exercises, Prof. J. T. West appeared on the platform, and introduced student Elisha E. Wright, of Tennessee, to President Buchanan, as the young gentleman who had won the prize offered for the most meritorious English composition, adding that the prize would be doubly valued if presented by him.

The President consented, and said:

"I confess I am taken by surprise at this incident of the evening, but I am happy to be the honored medium in the presentation of this to the young gentleman. He is distinguished for most meritorious composition—and that is the great merit among literary gentlemen. The man who writes clearly, must think clearly, and will, by practice, come to speak clearly. There is great merit in clear sentences. The author who uses long sentences is always laboring with difficulty. One distinct idea distinctly set forth, has more potency than a book full of those in which everything under the sun is jumbled together, as is so commonly the case among our modern writers. The ancient style was the best style, and that was the style of Calhoun and Webster. I wish you, sir, great honor and great prosperity in whatever pursuit in life you may engage. I have never heard more genuine sense, humor and wit than in the address delivered by the gentleman who spoke to you this afternoon (Dr. Hooper), and who was formerly a professor here—and with regard to the more sober portions of it, I hope they have sunk deep into the minds of every student in this College."

"The great cause of our country, which has involved so many in crime and drunkenness. It is more dreadful than the pestilence, than the yellow fever, than the plague, than all the calamities that visit man. It is bringing ourselves a greater calamity than Heaven has brought upon us in any form or shape of misery. I wish with all my heart, to repeat what has been best said, what that speaker said, and to ask you all to take care of that fatal vice, which degrades man to the level of the brute, and brings him into disrepute in the eyes of the whole world. [Applause.]"

Aphorisms.

Pleasure may be applied compared to many very great books, which increase in real value in proportion as they are read.

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